

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of:<br><br>Shamim M. MALIK, <i>et al.</i>                             | Examiner:<br><br>SEVERSON, Ryan J. |
| Serial No.: 09/997,450  | Art Unit: 3731                     |
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| Title: MODIFIED SURFACE FOR AN IMPLANTABLE DEVICE AND<br>A METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME |                                    |

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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office action dated January 22, 2008, which has a shortened statutory reply that ends on April 22, 2008.